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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0085994 A1 dated May 8, 2003 issued to Fujita et al.; and
- Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. JP 2001-231186 published August 24, 2001 together with English language abstract.

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by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Search Report. Please note

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